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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

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1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) A method, operable in a server system, of determining a foreign currency risk management policy, comprising:

providing at least one policy development question;

obtaining, in response to said at least one policy development question, at least one user-provided answer;

storing said at least one user-provided answer into a foreign currency risk management policy template; and

~~monitoring activities of a user; and~~

preventing at least one ~~predetermined~~ activity of ~~said a~~ user conducted through the server system that would influence foreign currency risk, in the event that ~~said the~~ user activity conflicts with ~~said the~~ risk management policy template.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein said at least one policy development question includes an inquiry regarding degrees of risk that are acceptable to a user.

31. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein said at least one policy development question includes an inquiry regarding measurement of a type of foreign currency risk.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein said type of foreign currency risk comprises transaction risk.

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33. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein said at least one predetermined activity of said user comprises requesting a hedge transaction.

34-50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently amended) A method, operable in a server system, of determining at least one foreign currency transaction price, comprising:

~~obtaining at least one user problem specific variable; a~~
~~value to contribute to defining a cross-border transaction;~~

obtaining relevant market data;

accessing at least one hedge strategy;

inputting a first transaction price associated with the
cross-border transaction; and

~~displaying a plurality of costs associated with corresponding~~
~~hedge strategies;~~

~~obtaining a user selection of at least one of said hedge~~
~~strategies; and~~

calculating and displaying a second transaction price derived
from a combination of at least a portion of the first transaction
price and the at least one ~~at least one price associated with said~~
~~user-selected-hedge strategy.~~

52. (Currently amended) The method of claim 51, further comprising:

~~obtaining a user selection of a second one of said~~ accessing
at least another hedge strategies; strategy; and

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calculating and simultaneously displaying a third transaction price derived from a combination of the first transaction price and the at least another at least one price associated with said selected second one of said hedge strategies.~~strategy.~~

53. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~51, 52,~~ further comprising displaying a variance between ~~said the second transaction price and the third transaction price.~~ associated with said selected first one of said hedge strategies and said price associated with said selected second one of said hedge strategies.

54. (Currently amended) The method of claim 51, further comprising, responsive to a user request, saving ~~said the display of the second transaction price.~~ said at least one price associated with said user selected hedge strategy.

55. (Currently amended) The method of claim 51, further comprising, responsive to a user request, reformulating ~~said the display of the second transaction price.~~ said at least one price associated with said user selected hedge strategy.

56. (Currently amended) The method of claim 51, further comprising, responsive to a user request, sending ~~said the display of the second transaction price.~~ said at least one price associated with said user selected hedge strategy.

57. (Currently amended) The method of claim 51, further comprising, responsive to a user request, displaying information describing a process for applying ~~said the display of the second~~

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~~transaction price. said at least one price associated with said user selected hedge strategy.~~

58. (Currently amended) A method, operable in a server system, for determining exposure foreign currency rate fluctuation, comprising:

obtaining user profile information describing business activities in a foreign country;

~~presenting displaying a plurality of choice is related to hedge strategies for the business activities;~~

obtaining a user selection of one of said plurality of ~~hedge strategies choices~~;

obtaining market data relevant to ~~said the user selected one of said plurality of hedge strategies choice~~; and

calculating and displaying, responsive to ~~said the user selected one of said plurality of hedge strategies choice~~, forecasted currency values derived from the hedge strategy associated with the user selected choice applied to the related to said business activities in said the foreign country.

59. (Currently amended) The method of claim 58, further comprising:

displaying a plurality of hedge instruments associated with ~~said selected one of said plurality of hedge strategies the user selected choice~~;

obtaining a user selection of one of said plurality of hedge instruments; and

issuing a request for a purchase of said selected one of said plurality of hedge instruments.

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60. (Original) The method of claim 58, wherein obtaining said user profile information describing business activities in a foreign country includes loading a user profile, said user profile including a value of said business activities in said foreign country.

61. (Original) The method of claim 58, wherein said obtaining said user profile information describing business activities in a foreign country further comprises obtaining authorization that a current user is permitted to provide said profile information.

62. (Original) The method of claim 58, further comprising calculating and displaying an aggregate exposure to foreign currency exchange rates resulting from said business activities.

63. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein said calculating of said aggregate exposure is responsive to at least one forecast of at least one currency exchange rate.

64. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein said calculating of said aggregate exposure is responsive to a user selected hedge strategy.

65-92. (Canceled)

93. (Currently amended) A server system, connectable to a computer network, operable to determine a foreign currency risk management policy, comprising:

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program code for providing at least one policy development question;

program code for obtaining, in response to said at least one policy development question, at least one user-provided answer;

program code for storing said at least one user-provided answer into a foreign currency risk management policy template;
and

~~program code for monitoring activities of a user; and~~
~~program code for preventing at least one predetermined activity of said a user conducted through the server system that would influence foreign currency risk, in the event that said the user activity conflicts with said the risk management policy template.~~

94-95. (Canceled)

96. (Currently amended) A server system, connectable to a computer network, operable to determine at least one foreign currency transaction price, comprising:

program code for obtaining a value to contribute to defining a cross-border transaction; at least one user problem specific variable;

program code for obtaining relevant market data;

program code for accessing at least one hedge strategy;

program code for inputting a first transaction price associated with the cross-border transaction; and displaying a plurality of costs associated with corresponding hedge strategies;

~~program code for obtaining a user selection of at least one of said hedge strategies; and~~

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program code for calculating and displaying a second transaction price derived from a combination of at least a portion of the first transaction price and the at least one hedge strategy. ~~at least one price associated with said user selected hedge strategy.~~

97. (Currently amended) A server system, connectable to a computer network, operable to determine exposure foreign currency rate fluctuation, comprising:

program code for obtaining user profile information describing business activities in a foreign country;

program code for ~~presenting~~ displaying a plurality of choices related to hedge strategies for the business activities;

program code for obtaining a user selection of one of said plurality of ~~hedge strategies choices;~~

program code for obtaining market data relevant to ~~said the user selected one of said plurality of hedge strategies choice;~~
and

program code for calculating and displaying, responsive to ~~said the user selected one of said plurality of hedge strategies choice,~~ forecasted currency values related to said derived from the hedge strategy associated with the user selected choice applied to the business activities in said the foreign country.

98-104. (Canceled)

105. (New) A method, operable in a computer system, for determining a hedging strategy related to foreign currency for a cross-border transaction, comprising:

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obtaining a first price for the cross-border transaction;
displaying a plurality of selectable choices for hedging
strategies; and

displaying a second price for the cross-border transaction
resulting from a hedging strategy associated with a user selected
choice from the plurality of selectable choices being applied to
the first price.

106. (New) The method according to claim 105, wherein the first
and second prices have a predetermined currency.

107. (New) The method according to claim 105, wherein the first
and second prices are stated in different currencies.

108. (New) A method, operable in a computer system, for
determining a pricing strategy for a cross-border transaction in
relation to a business objective, comprising:

obtaining a first price for the cross-border transaction;
obtaining a policy for permitted pricing strategies;
displaying a plurality of selectable choices for hedging
strategies for the first price permitted by the policy; and

displaying a second price for the cross-border transaction
resulting from a hedging strategy associated with a user selected
choice from the plurality of selectable choices being applied to
the first price.

109. (New) The method according to claim 108, further comprising
choosing the first price or the second price for the pricing
strategy.

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110. (New) The method according to claim 110, further comprising evaluating the business objective to contribute to choosing between the first price or the second price.